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IN RE APPLICATION OF: Kenton T. Davis *et al.*

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FOR: **ELEMENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM
FOR HETEROGENEOUS TELE-
COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 4, 2002, please amend the application as follows. The attached Appendix presents a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment.

In the Claims:

Following is a complete listing of the claims pending in the application, as amended:

1. (Amended) A method for developing a core set of messages for an element management system for a telecommunications network, comprising the steps of:

reviewing telecommunications network management functions for each of a plurality of telecommunications network elements;

selecting basic telecommunications network management functions for managing the telecommunications network elements; and

creating an element-independent telecommunications network management message, in a common telecommunications management message protocol, for each selected telecommunications management function.